(a) the reasons for the liquidation and increase of the defaulters of credit Co-operative Societies;

(b) whether Government generally give any concession to the defaulters;

(a) if so, the ground on which it is given;

(d) whether any liberal policy is observed in granting such concessions to the really depressed and minority communities among the backward classes such as the Valans, Velans, Arayans, Kosavans, Chalians, etc.?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a) Increase of defaulters in credit Co-operative Societies is mainly due to the present economic depression. Want of education in thrift and self-help among the members has also contributed much towards this increase. Societies are generally liquidated if they are not doing any useful work.

(b) The Government do not give any concession to the defaulters of Societies.

(c) and (d). In view of the answer to (b) the questions do not arise.

Co-operative Department—propaganda for.

205. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what propaganda is carried on by the Co-operative Department for the purpose of inculcating the principles of "thrift" and "self-help" among the ryots?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Whenever possible, officers of the department attend general meetings of Societies and instruct the members on the value of these principles and many others.

Ayurvedic Dispensary—Pazhanji—opening of.

206. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Pazhanji constituency;

(b) whether they can open one in Pazhanji?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) There is one Ayurvedic grant-in-aid dispensary in Kadavallur village.

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(b) The need for an Ayurvedic Dispensary does not seem to be very urgent.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—With reference to (b) is it as a result of any enquiry that the conclusion was arrived at? What nature of enquiry was made?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Generally when petitions come for a new dispensary we generally sent the superintendent and he goes to the locality and makes enquires.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there an allopathic dispensary there?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Ayurvedic Oushadha Sala—Kadavallur village—attendance of.

207. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of patients who attended the Ayurveda Oushadha Sala at Kadavallur village in 1111 and 1112?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—3,685 in 1111.

3,477 in 1112.

Sewage purification—arrangements for—particulars regarding.

208. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether 'activated sludge process of sewage purification' is followed either in the Municipalities or in the Health Centres of the State; if so, where; is 'compost' operation carried on in any place in the State;

(b) what will it cost to purchase machinery for the operations in one centre;

(c) has anybody been trained in these?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) The activated sludge process of sewage purification is not followed either in the Municipalities or in the Health Centres of the State.

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